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PRESS RELEASE

USAID Joins the Community of Kratovo in Renovating Koco Racin Primary School

On September 16, 2010, the Krilatica village community, together with USAID and the Kratovo municipality, marked the successful completion of the Koco Racin Primary School renovation project. The renovation was part of the USAID Primary Education Project that, by October, will have coordinated renovations at over 100 schools, nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia

"School renovations are only a part of how the United States is working to improve education in Macedonia" said USAID Education Office Director Alexander Woods. "We have also provided training for over 10,000 teachers in this country. And we continue to partner with businesses to help build the link between schools and jobs, such as through a recent Summer School for 21st Century Employability Skills which covered skills in leadership, communication, negotiation, and much more."

The renovation component of the Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of the responsibility for school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works with all public primary schools in Macedonia to increase access to and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonia's primary schools.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.